

'Half-Wit Half' Marathon & "Quarter-Wit" Half-A-Half

13.1 Mile & 6.55 Mile Trail Runs

Reading, PA ** Sun, May 18, 2025 ** 9 AM

Because A Mind is a Terrible Thing.....

**Online signup required so there's a central source of emails
to use for contacting people**

Currently, the U.S. is ranked as the "125th least literate" country out of the 184 nations that are tracked. And one of our main focuses in the US because of this "educational black eye" has been "how do we keep these legions of morons entertained so they don't hurt themselves. Or, worse yet, US!!" So, we created an entire TV channel for them to watch mindless content (the Bravo network) devised bizarre professional sports where they could burn off energy (arm wrestling, frisbee golf, team paintball, axe throwing, etc.) and 30 years ago, originated a trail run where they could get lost in the woods, never to be seen again. ANOTHER example of where Pretzel City Sports was ahead of its time! Annually, the Half Wit Half has become the NEW mecca for the "slow of mind and, in some cases, slow of foot". Yet, it's also a HIGHLY competitive race where, if you win, you will be the envy of small children and couch-potato gamers for LIFE!! Like all PCS events on Mt Penn, it has loads of rocks, roots, branches, poor footing, uncaring on-course support. It also has a last 2 miles of trail that will make hearty men remember the EXCRUTIATING pain they endured when they went commando once & caught their foreskin in their fly when they tried to zipper up. On the plus side, it has unique aide stations w/alternate beverages, a very well-marked course, probably our most memorable shirt annually, a covered finishing area, a cash bar at the finish, etc. Bite off more than you can chew? NO PROBLEEMO!! We've converted the race to a 6.55M loop that you can decide, in mid-course, if you wish to run it once or twice, just like some of our other trail races. Providing that you finish the 1st loop in less than 1 hr., 45 minutes (just a shade below a 17 minute per mile average), you can go on and do another loop to get the full half; or if you decide that that is a REALLY stupid idea; finish in the Quarter Wit; there are awards in each. Now, if you need more than 1 hr., 45 minutes to do the first loop, you MUST finish in the Quarter Wit and when you finally come to your senses, YOU WILL THANK US!!! The Half Wit Half; the only place you can feel like a "superior being" other than your spouse's family functions. **IMPORTANT! YOU SOLEY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR SAFETY/ WELFARE IN THIS RACE!** Bash yur Bunion? Hobble to an aide station; we'll drive you back. Get lost? Won't happen! Even Stevie Wonder could follow this course. But if you DO and since you'll be running around a LOT of MORONS, ask someone you meet in the woods that looks SEMI-normal for directions (providing they are not masked & have a meat clever for a hand). Even 1 lap of this course is a HECK of a workout, so those not welcome include 1) anyone under 14 that cannot run by themselves (unless pre-approved) 2) anyone who bought a lifetime "Redbox" subscription and 3) anyone who thinks that the pics used by people on dating sites were taken within the last 20 years/within 50 lbs. of their current weight. Those ALWAYS welcome are folks that have seen Caddyshack at least 10+ times, people who know every word to the theme song from "The Fresh Prince of Bel Air" and anyone that actually thought that RFJ Jr. had ANY shot of being elected President as a 3rd party candidate, or ANY party's candidate for that matter! Many of you ran this event in the past when it was FULL half marathon and swore that you would never do it again. Now, you can do HALF of it and still see how nutty a course we can design. AND see who is dumb enough to do it twice!

Registration on www.pretzelcitysports.com required

(Small service fee applies, closes at midnight on Wed the week of the race.)

LOCATION/REGISTRATION: Reading Liederkrantz German Singing & Sports Club, 140 Spook Lane, Reading, PA (use THIS for GPS). Next to Reading's famous Stokesay Castle. Reg. opens at 8 a.m., race at 9. **WITH SHORT SLEEVE SOFT STYLE T- SHIRT** Fee: \$40 if entered by Tues, May 6th 2025. Afterwards, \$47 while shirts last; (including raceday), \$40 when gone. **WITH NO SHIRT** Fee: \$35 if entered by Tues, May 6th, 2025. Afterwards, \$42 (including raceday). VERY limited number of extra shirts will be printed so if you don't want to be shut out of a shirt, pre-enter even if it's after the cutoff date! We race in rain, heat, political upheavals, etc. yet on rare occasions, we MUST postpone it (unlikely in mid-May but it HAS happened in the past). Check our site above after 6 AM the day of the race **ONLY if all hell globally breaks out or if it is 100+ degrees. If postponed, it'll be the NEXT SUNDAY** same time, same place, better conditions. No refunds, mailed shirts or awards, no alcohol brought onto the premises; must purchase theirs due to state law. CASH AND CHECKS ACCEPTED ONLY on raceday; poor internet/cell service at race site means no Venmo, credit card nor Apple Pay. ATM on site but it doesn't always work. Shirt type may be changed if availability problems emerge. **Racing with a pet:** permitted IF you stay toward the back for the first ¼ mile or so, pet must be comfortable around other people/animals and it MUST be on a VERY short leash at all times, unless its name is Ernie or Theo.

YOU GET: Short sleeve soft style T-shirt in sizes S thru 2X with a memorable design and no sponsors on the back, indoor toilets, lots of goodies at the finish line, WELL marked course, plenty of parking, instant results, EMS on site, aide stations with unique selections. Snacks & a cash bar at the finish, where you can rehydrate either after the event or even DURING the event, if you so dare (and some of you CERTAINLY will)! Results posted on www.pretzelcitysports.com the next day.

AWARDS: LOADS of them!

For the FULL (or in this case, FOOL) Half-Wit 13.1M event: 1st & 2nd Overall M & F and the following age groups: 0-39: 6M, 6F 40-49: 4M, 4F 50-59: 4M, 4F 60-69: 4M, 3F 70+: 2M, 1F . Clydesdale Awards: Top 3 M & F. Men: minimum of 210 lbs. or 185 if 5 ft., 9 inches tall or less. Women: minimum of 160 lbs., 145 if 5 ft., 4 inches tall or less. Honor system; No scale on site!

For the Quarter-Wit 6.55M event: 1st Overall M & F and the following age groups: 0-39: 6M, 6F 40-49: 4M, 4F 50-59: 4M, 4F 60-69: 4M, 3F 70+: 3M, 2F Clydesdale Awards: Top 3 M & F. Men: minimum of 210 lbs. or 185 if 5 ft., 9 inches tall or less. Women: minimum of 160 lbs., 145 if 5 ft., 4 inches tall or less. Honor system; no scale on site!

PLEASE NOTE: As indicated, there is a cutoff for the first loop. Once that cutoff is passed, we will begin taking all course markings down so that you do not do something stupid like trying another lap despite missing the cutoff. You SHOULD know better but if you were all that smart, you wouldn't be entering this race now, would you?

Questions? Fears? Contact Slowest Wit: Ron Horn, rhornpcs@aol.com
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